

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 3087 without my signature.

While I support the intent of the bill to accomplish recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Fire Commission, I have tasked the Resources Agency to strategize and prioritize the recommendations. Accordingly, it is premature to legislatively address a study of the State Emergency Plan and Mutual Aid System at this time. In addition, the Office of Emergency Services prepared an After Action Report for the 2003 Southern California Fires, which also contains specific recommendations that will be pursued. Finally, the study prescribed in this bill will require costs that are not identified in the current Budget Act.

For these reasons, I am returning Assembly Bill 3087 without my signature. However, I want to assure all Californians that public safety is a top priority of my Administration. Therefore, I am directing the Office of Emergency Services to continue working with the Resources Agency to implement the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Fire Commission.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger